

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose a receiving node *acknowledging receipt* of an identification of a source of Real Time Protocol media; neither does the prior art teach applicant's method step of using the correlation specified by the control packet to determine the actual identification based the synchronization source identifier code; neither does the prior art teach inserting the identification of a source of real-time media into an RTP header **after** the fixed header fields. No obvious combination of references found would have taught one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use applicant's method as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Creighton H. Smith whose telephone number is 571/272-7546. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, alternate Fridays off.

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